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SUBJECT: COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE

1. DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO BUCHAREST, SCIATT MET WITH NICOLAE GIOSAN, PRESIDENT OF ROMANIAN ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY SCIENCES. DURING CONVERSATIONS DIOSAN REVIEWED HISTORY OF HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN SENIOR OFFICIALS OF USDA AND GOR OFFICIALS FROM MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND ACADEMY. GIOSAN INDICATED THAT ALTHOUGH SUCH MEETINGS WERE WELCOME TO GOR, THEY HAD BEEN PRIMARILY OF PROTOCOL NATURE AND HAD NOT RESULTED IN ESTABLISHMENT OF SIGNIFICANT OR SUBSTANTIVE US- GOR COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS IN AGRICULTURAL FIELD. GIOSAN STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURAL SECTOR TO ROGNIAN ECONOMY, POINTING OUT THAT ALMOST 50 PER CENT OF LABOR FORCE IS INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE. GIOSAN ALSO MADE REFERENCE TO SUBSTANTIAL CAPITAL INVESTMENTS BEING DEVOTED BY GOR TO MODERNIZATION OF FARMING. GIOSAN SAID US AND ROMANIAN AGRICULTURAL SECTORS HAVE MUCH IN COMMON. IN MANY CASES CLIMATIC AND SOIL CONDITIONS ARE SIMILAR, AND ROMANIAN NOW USES US STRAINS OF CORN, WHEAT, SOYA AND ALFALFA. ACCORDING TO GIOSAN, ROMANIA LOOKS TOWARD US AS LEADING COUNTRY IN FIELD OF AGRICULTURE, AND GOR WANTS TO PROFIT FROM US IXPERIENCE. ON THE OTHER HAND, GIOSAN CONCLUDED, ROMANIA HAS KNOW- HOW OF ITS OWN AND HAS DEVELOPED SOME SEED VARIETIES WHICH COULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE

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VALUE TO US.

2. DURING STARKEY/ LAUDANI VISIT TO ROMANIA IN 1972, A NUMBER OF POTENTIAL RESEARCH PROJECTS OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL INTEREST WERE IDENTIFIED AND DISCUSSED. IT IS EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH VISITING AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS THAT ROMANIAN AGRICULTURE IS FLIRING GANCES IN DEVELOPMENT OF SUNFLOWER

SEEDS, PARTICULARLY VARIETIES RESISTANT TO HIGH WINDS. ROMANIANS ALSO HAVE CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE WITH SOVIET STRAINS OF WHEAT. AT TIME OF STARKEY/ LAUDANI VISIT, THREE AREAS WERE IDENTIFIED AS BEING OF MUTUAL RESEARCH INTEREST: (A) SUNFLOWERS; (B) HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE; AND (C) CORN WILT DISEASE. RESEARCH PROJECTS IN THESE AREAS WERE GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY BY ROMANIANS UNDER NSF/ NCST COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AGREEMENT, BUT DIFFICULTIES AROSE ON US SIDE AS TO WHICH AGENCY WAS TO FINANCE PROJECTS. STARKEY/ LAUDANI VISIT ALSO PROVIDED IMPETUS FOR PREPARATION BY GOR OF DRAFT AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION. THIS DRAFT WAS TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON, BUT TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE NO FORMAL US REPLY WAS EVER MADE TO GOR PROPOSAL.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT WITHIN CONTEXT OF US/ ROMANIAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ESTABLISH A MEANINGFUL AND PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH ROMANIA IN FIELD OF AGRICULTURE. SUCH ACTION IS DESIRABLE IN POLITICAL TERMS AS WELL IN VIEW OF RECENT SIGNATURE OF US- SOVIET AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT. WHETHER SUCH A RELATIONSHIP REQUIRES FORMAL AGREEMENT IS OPEN TO QUESTION. HOWEVER USDA HAS AGREEMENTS RANGING FROM THE GENERAL TO THE DETAILED WITH SO MANY COUNTRIES THAT EMBASSY FEELS CONSIDERATION SHOULD AGAIN BE GIVEN TO ENTERING INTO FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH GOR IN AGRICULTURAL FIELD. IN ANY CASE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE REEXAMINATION OF USDA RELATIONS WITH ROMANIANS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFINING CONCRETE MEASURES WHICH COULD BE TAKEN TO ESTABLISH PROGRAM OF MEANINGFUL COOPERATION WITH GOR IN AGRICULTURAL FIELD. MARTENS

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